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3. Harsh; inclement.
Spring does to flow'ry meadows bring.
What the *rude* winter from them tore. *Waller.*
4. Ignorant; raw; untaught.
Though I be *rude* in speech, yet not in knowledge. *2 Cor.*
He was yet but *rude* in the profession of arms, though
greedy of honour. *Wotton's Buckingham.*
Such tools as art yet *rude* had form'd. *Milton.*
5. [*Rude*, Fr.] Rugged; uneven; shapless.
It was the custom to worship *rude* and unpolished stones.
Stillfleet.
6. Artless; inelegant.
I would know what ancient ground of authority he hath
for such a senseless fable; and if he have any of the *rude*
Irish books. *Spenser.*
One example may serve, till you review the *Æneis* in the
original, unblemished by my *rude* translation. *Dryden.*
7. Such as may be done with strength without art.
To his country farm the fool confid'd;
Rude well suited with a rustic mind. *Dryden.*
- RU'DELY. *adv.* [from *rude*.]
1. In a rude manner.
Whether to knock against the gates of Rome,
Or *rudely* visit them in parts remote,
To fright them ere destroy. *Shakespeare, Coriolanus.*
2. Without exactness; without nicety; coarsely.
I that am not shap'd for sportive tricks,
I that am *rudely* stamp'd, and want love's majesty
To strut before a wanton ambling nymph. *Shakespeare.*
3. Unskilfully.
My muse, though *rudely*, has resign'd
Some faint resemblance of his godlike mind. *Dryden.*
4. Violently; boisterously.
With his truncheon he so *rudely* stroke
Cymocles twice, that twice him forced his foot revoke. *Spenser.*
- RU'DENESS. *n. f.* [*rudess*, Fr. from *rude*.]
1. Coarseness of manners; incivility.
This *rudeness* is a fauce to his good wit,
Which gives men stomach to digest his words
With better appetite. *Shakespeare, Julius Cæsar.*
The publick will in triumphs *rudely* share,
And kings the *rudeness* of their joy must bear. *Dryden.*
The *rudeness*, tyranny, the oppression, and ingratitude of
the late favourites towards their mistresses, were no longer to
be born. *Swift's Miscellanies.*
2. Ignorance; unskilfulness.
What he did amiss, was rather through *rudeness* and want
of judgment, than any malicious meaning. *Hayward.*
3. Artlessness; inelegance; coarseness.
Let be thy bitter scorn,
And leave the *rudeness* of that antique age
To them, that liv'd therein in state forlorn. *Fairy Queen.*
4. Violence; boisterousness.
The ram, that batters down the wall,
For the great twing and *rudeness* of his poize,
They place before his hand that made the engine. *Shakespeare.*
5. Storminess; rigour.
You can hardly be too sparing of water to your housed
plants; the not observing of this, destroys more plants than
all the *rudenesses* of the season. *Evelyn's Calendar.*
- RU'DENTURE. *n. f.* [French.] In architecture, the figure of
a rope or staff, sometimes plain and sometimes carved, where-
with the fustings of columns are frequently filled up. *Bailey.*
- RU'DERARY. *adj.* [*rudera*, Lat.] Belonging to rubbish. *Dist.*
- RU'DERATION. *n. f.* In architecture, the laying of a pave-
ment with pebbles or little stones. *Bailey.*
- RU'DESBY. *n. f.* [from *rude*.] An uncivil turbulent fellow. A
low word, now little used.
I must be forced
To give my hand, oppos'd against my heart,
Unto a mad-brain *rudesby*, full of spleen. *Shakespeare.*
Out of my sight, *rudesby* be gone. *Shakespeare.*
- RU'DIMENT. *n. f.* [*rudiment*, Fr. *rudimentum*, Lat.]
1. The first principles; the first elements of a science.
Such as were trained up in the *rudiments*, and were so
made fit to be by baptism received into the church, the fathers
usually term hearers. *Hooker.*
To learn the order of my fingerings,
I must begin with *rudiments* of art. *Shakespeare.*
Thou soon shalt quit
Those *rudiments*, and see before thine eyes
The monarchies of th' earth, their pomp, and state,
Sufficient introduction to inform
Thee, of thyself to apt, in regal arts. *Milton's Par. Reg.*
Could it be believed, that a child should be forced to learn
the *rudiments* of a language, which he is never to use, and
neglect the writing a good hand, and casting accounts. *Locke.*
2. The first part of education.
He was nurtured where he was born in his first *rudiments*,
till the years of ten, and then taught the principles of
music. *Wotton's Life of Villiers.*
The skill and *rudiments* austere of war. *Philips.*

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3. The first, inaccurate, unhapen beginning or original of any
thing.
Moss is but the *rudiment* of a plant, and the mould of
earth or bark. *Bacon's Natural History.*
The *rudiments* of nature are very unlike the grosser ap-
pearances. *Glanville's Secf.*
So looks our monarch on this early fight,
Th' essay and *rudiments* of great success,
Which all-maturing time must bring to light. *Dryden.*
Shall that man pretend to religious attainments, who is de-
fective and short in moral? which are but the *rudiments*, the
beginnings, and first draught of religion; as religion is the
perfection, refinement, and sublimation of morality. *South.*
God beholds the first imperfect *rudiments* of virtue in the
soul, and keeps a watchful eye over it, till it has received
every grace it is capable of. *Addison's Spectator.*
The happy boughs
Attire themselves with blooms, sweet *rudiments*
Of future harvest. *Philips.*
- RU'DIMENTAL. *adj.* [from *rudiment*.] Initial; relating to
first principles.
Your first *rudimental* essays in spectatorship were made in
my shop, where you often practised for hours. *Speicher.*
- TO RUE. *v. a.* [proppian, Saxon.] To grieve for; to regret;
to lament.
Thou temptest me in vain;
To tempt the thing which daily yet I *rue*,
And the old cause of my continued pain,
With like attempts to like end to renew. *Fairy Queen.*
You'll *rue* the time,
That clogs me with this answer. *Shakespeare.*
France, thou shalt *rue* this treason with thy tears,
If Talbot but survive. *Shakespeare, Henry VI.*
There are two councils held;
And that may be determin'd at the one,
Which may make you and him to *rue* at th' other. *Shakespeare.*
Oh! treacherous was that breast, to whom you
Did trust our counsels, and we both may *rue*,
Having his falsehood found too late, 'twas he
That made me cast you guilty, and you me. *Dennis.*
That error now, which is become my crime.
Against this, they will
Chose freely what it now to justly *rue*. *Milton.*
- RUE. *n. f.* [*rue*, Fr. *ruta*, Lat.] An herb called, herb of grace,
because holy water was sprinkled with it.
The flower of *rue* for the most part consists of four hollow
leaves, which are placed orbicularly, and expand in form of
a rose; out of whose flower-cup rises the pointal, which at-
terward becomes a roundish fruit, which is generally four
cornered, and composed of four cells fixed to an hard shell
of small angular seeds. *Miller.*
What favor is better,
For places infected, than wormwood and *rue*. *Taffey.*
Here did the drop a tear; here, in this place,
I'll set a bank of *rue*, four herb of grace;
Rue, even for Ruth, here shortly shall be seen,
In the remembrance of a weeping queen. *Shakespeare, Rich. II.*
The weasel, to encounter the serpent, arms herself with
eating of *rue*. *More's Antidote against Atheism.*
- RUEFUL. *adj.* [*rue* and *full*.] Mournful; woful; sorrowful.
When we have our armour buckled on,
The venom'd vengeance ride upon our swords,
Spur them to *rueful* work, rein them from ruth. *Shakespeare.*
Cocytus, nam'd of lamentation loud,
Heard on the *rueful* stream. *Milton's Paradise Lost.*
He sigh'd, and cast a *rueful* eye;
Our pity kindles, and our passions die. *Dryden.*
- RUEFULLY. *adv.* [from *rueful*.] Mournfully; sorrowfully.
Why should an ape run away from a snail, and very *rue-*
fully and frightfully look back, as being afraid? *More.*
- RUE'FULNESS. *n. f.* [from *rueful*.] Sorrowfulness; mournfulness.
- RUE'LL. *n. f.* [French.] A circle; an assembly at a pri-
vate house.
The poet, who flourished in the scene, is condemned in
the *ruelle*. *Dryden's Preface to Æneis.*
- RUFF. *n. f.* A puckered linen ornament, formerly worn about
the neck. See RUFFLE.
- You a captain; for what? for tearing a whore's *ruff* in a
bawdy house? *Shakespeare, Henry IV. p. II.*
We'll revel it,
With *ruffs*, and cuffs, and fardings. *Shakespeare.*
Like an uproar in the town,
Before them every thing went down,
Some tore a *ruff*, and some a gown. *Dryden.*
Sooner may a gulling weather spy,
By drawing forth heav'n's scheme tell certainly,
What fashion'd hats, or *ruffs*, or suits next years,
Our giddy-headed antick youth will wear. *Dennis.*
The ladies freed the neck from those yokes, those linen
ruffs in which the simplicity of their grandmothers had en-
clothed it. *Addison's Guardian, 1st year.*

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- I rear'd this flow'r,
Soft on the paper *ruff* its leaves I spread. *Pope.*
2. [From *rough* scales.] A small river fish.
A *ruff* or pope is much like the pear for shape, and
taken to be better, but will not grow bigger than a gudgeon:
he is an excellent fish and of a pleasant taste. *Watson.*
 3. A state of roughness. Obsolete.
As fields set all their bristles up; in such a *ruff* wert
thou. *Chapman's Iliads.*
 4. New state. This seems to be the meaning of this cant
word.
How many princes that, in the *ruff* of all their glory,
have been taken down from the head of a conquering army
to the wheel of the victor's chariot. *L'Estrange.*
 - RU'FFIAN. *n. f.* [*ruffiano*, Italian; *ruffian*, Fr. a bawd; *ruffuer*,
Danish, to pillage; perhaps it may be best derived from
rough.] A brutal, boisterous, mischievous fellow; a cut-
throat; a robber; a murderer.
Ruffian, let go that rude uncivil touch,
Thou friend of an ill fashion! *Shakespeare, Two Gent. of Ver.*
Have you a *ruffian* that will swear? drink? dance?
Revel the night? rob? murder? *Shakespeare, Henry IV.*
Sir Ralph Vane's bold answers termed rude and *ruffian* like,
falling into years apt to take offence, furthered his condem-
nation. *Hayward.*
The boasted ancestors of these great men,
Whose virtues you admire, were all such *ruffians*,
This dread of nations, this almighty Rome,
That comprehends in her wide empire's bounds
All under heaven, was founded on a rape. *Addison's Cato.*
 - RU'FFIAN. *adj.* Brutal; savagely boisterous.
Experience'd age
May timely intercept the *ruffian* rage,
Convene the tribes. *Pope's Odyssey.*
 - TO RU'FFIAN. *v. n.* [from the noun.] To rage; to raise
tumults; to play the *ruffian*. Not in use.
A fuller blast ne'er shook our battlements;
If it hath *ruffian'd* to upon the sea,
What ribs of oak, when mountains melt on them,
Can hold the mortise. *Shakespeare, Othello.*
 - TO RU'FFLE. *v. a.* [*ruffelen*, Dutch, to wrinkle.]
1. To disorder; to put out of form; to make less smooth.
Naughty lady,
These hairs, which thou dost ravish from my chin,
Will quicken and accuse thee; I'm your host;
With robbers hands, my hospitable favour
You should not *ruffle* thus. *Shakespeare, King Lear.*
In changeable taffeties, differing colours emerge and va-
riety upon the *ruffling* of the same piece of silk. *Boyle.*
As you come here to *ruffle* vizard punk;
When sober rail, and roar when you are drunk. *Dryden.*
As the first began to rise,
She smooth'd the *ruffled* seas, and clear'd the skies. *Dryden.*
Bear me, some god! oh quickly bear me hence
To wholesome solitude, the nurse of sense;
Where contemplation prunes her *ruffled* wings,
And the free soul looks down to pity kings. *Pope.*
 2. To discompose; to disturb; to put out of temper.
Were I Brutus,
And Brutus, Antony, there were an Antony
Would *ruffle* up your spirits, and put a tongue
In every wound of Cæsar, that should move
The stones of Rome to rise and mutiny. *Shakespeare.*
We are transported by passions, and our minds *ruffled* by
the disorders of the body; nor yet can we tell, how the soul
should be affected by such kind of agitations. *Glanville.*
 3. To put out of order; to surpise.
The knight found out
Th' advantage of the ground, where best
He might the *ruff'd* foe infect. *Hudibras, p. i.*
 4. To throw disorderly together.
Within a thicket I repos'd, when round
I *ruff'd* up fall'n leaves in heap, and found,
Let fall from heaven, a sleep interminate. *Chapman.*
 5. To contract into plaits.
A small skirt of fine *ruffled* linnen, running along the upper
part of the stays before, is called the modesty-piece. *Addison.*
 - TO RU'FFLE. *v. n.*
1. To grow rough or turbulent.
The night comes on; and the high winds
Do forely *ruffle*, for many miles about
There's scarce a bush. *Shakespeare, King Lear.*
The rising winds a *ruffling* gale afford. *Dryden.*
 2. To be in loose motion; to flutter.
The fiery courser, when he hears from far
The sprightly trumpets and the shouts of war,
On his right shoulder his thick mane reclin'd,
Ruffles at speed, and dances in the wind. *Dryden.*
 3. To be rough; to jar; to be in contention.
A valiant son-in-law thou shalt enjoy;
One fit to bandy with thy lawless sons,
To *ruffle* in the commonwealth of Rome. *Shakespeare.*

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- They would *ruffle* with jurors, and inforce them to find as
they would direct. *Bacon's Henry VII.*
- RU'FFLE. *n. f.* [from the verb.]
1. Plaited linnen used as an ornament.
The tucker is a slip of fine linnen, run in a small kind
of *ruffle* round the uppermost verge of the women's stays. *Addison.*
 2. Disturbance; contention; tumult.
Conceive the mind's perception of some object, and
the consequent *ruffle* or special commotion of the blood. *Watts.*
 - RU'FTERHOOD. *n. f.* In falconry, a hood to be worn by a
hawk when she is first drawn. *Bailey.*
 - RUG. *n. f.* [*rugget*, rough, Swedish.]
1. A coarse, nappy, woollen cloth.
January must be exprest with a horrid and fearful aspect,
clad in Irish *rug* or coarse freeze. *Peachment on Drawing.*
 2. A coarse nappy coverlet used for mean beds.
A *rug* was o'er his shoulders thrown;
A *rug*; for night-gown he had none. *Swift's Miscel.*
 3. A rough woolly dog.
Mungrels, spaniels, curs,
Shoughes, water *rugs*, and demy wolves are cledped
All by the name of dogs. *Shakespeare, Macbeth.*
 - RU'GGED. *adj.* [*rugget*, Swedish.]
1. Rough; full of unevenness and asperity.
Nature, like a weak and weary traveller,
Tir'd with a tedious and *rugged* way. *Denham.*
Since the earth revolves not upon a material and *rugged*,
but a geometrical plane, their proportions may be varied in
innumerable degrees. *Bentley.*
 2. Not neat; not regular.
His hair is sticking;
His well-proportion'd beard made rough and *rugged*,
Like to the summer's corn by tempest lodg'd. *Shakespeare.*
 3. Savage of temper; brutal; rough.
The greatest favours to such an one neither soften nor
win upon him; they neither melt nor endear him, but
leave him as hard, as *rugged*, and as unconcerned as ever. *South's Sermons.*
 4. Stormy; rude; tumultuous; turbulent; tempestuous.
Now bind my brows with iron, and approach
The *rugged* hour that time and spite dare bring,
To frown upon th' enrag'd Northumberland. *Shakespeare.*
 5. Rough or harsh to the ear.
A monosyllable line turns verse to prose, and even that
prose is *rugged* and unharmonious. *Dryden's Dedic. to Æneis.*
 6. Sour; furly; discomposed.
Sleek o'er your *rugged* looks,
Be bright and jovial 'mong your guests to-night. *Shakespeare.*
 7. Violent; rude; boisterous.
Fierce Talgol, gath'ring might,
With *rugged* truncheon charg'd the knight. *Hudibras.*
 8. Rough; flaggy.
Through forests wild,
To chase the lion, bear, or *rugged* bear. *Fairfax.*
 - RU'GGEDLY. *adv.* [from *rugged*.] In a rugged manner.
 - RU'GGEDNESS. [from *rugged*.]
1. The state or quality of being rugged.
2. Roughness; asperity.
Hardness and *ruggedness* is unpleasant to the touch. *Bacon.*
Syrups immediately abate and demulce the hoarseness and
violence of a cough, by mollifying the *ruggedness* of the in-
tern tunick of the gullet. *Harvey.*
This softness of the foot, which yields and fits itself to the
ruggedness and unevenness of the roads, does render it less
capable of being worn. *Ray on the Creation.*
 - RU'GIN. *n. f.* A nappy cloth.
The lips grew so painful, that she could not endure the
wiping the ichor from it with a soft *ru gin* with her own
hand. *Wise's Surgery.*
 - RU'GINE. *n. f.* [*rugine*, Fr.] A chururgeon's rasp.
If new flesh should not generate, bore little orifices into
the bone, or rasp it with the *rugine*. *Sharp.*
 - RUGOSE. *adj.* [*rugosus*, Lat.] Full of wrinkles.
It is a relaxation of the sphincter to such a degree, that
the internal *rugose* coat of the intestine turneth out, and
beareth down. *Wise's Surgery.*
 - RU'IN. *n. f.* [*ruine*, Fr. *ruina*, Lat.]
1. The fall or destruction of cities or edifices.
2. The remains of building demolished.
The Veian and the Gabian tow'rs shall fall,
And one promiscuous *ruin* cover all;
Nor, after length of years, a stone betray
The place where once the very *ruins* lay. *Addison.*
Judah shall fall, oppress'd by grief and shame,
And men shall from her *ruins* know her fame. *Prior.*
Such a fool was never found,
Who pull'd a palace to the ground,
Only to have the *ruins* made
Materials for a house decay'd. *Swift.*
 3. Destruction;